

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the application, with new dependent claims 18-29 being added by this Response and original independent claims 1, 9, and 17 being amended by this Response. No new matter is introduced by any of these claim changes, and support for all claim changes can be found throughout the originally-filed application and at, for example, paragraphs [0033], [0034], [0035], and [0051].

35 USC § 101 REJECTIONS

Claims 9-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicant submits that the small change to independent claim 9 addresses this rejection.

35 USC § 102(b) REJECTIONS

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0007293 A1 to Clemens et al. (hereinafter “Clemens”). Applicant does not agree with or acquiesce to any of these claim rejections, but applicant hereby amends independent claims 1, 9, and 17 to move this application to allowance as soon as possible.

Each of the amended independent claims recites, in part, providing a customer in real-time with detailed information about a product as it is being manufactured by a manufacturer.

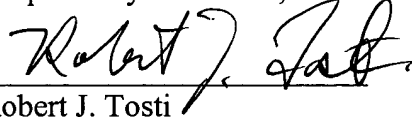
At [0028], Clemens discloses that customer order information is stored in an order matrix. This information can then be used to perform rescheduling as well as determine available delivery dates, as indicated at [0030] and [0039] of Clemens. At [0042], Clemens also discloses that a bill of materials matrix is obtained from the order matrix to generate the set of material requirements for the orders. Clemens, however, is silent about providing a customer in real-time with detailed information about a product as it is being manufactured by a manufacturer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant requests reconsideration, withdrawal of all rejections, and allowance of all claims (i.e., claims 1-29) in due course.

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